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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action, mailed October 2, 2002, in connection with the above application.

For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims being examined are presented below.

3! 1. (Amended) A method for promoting survival and/or functional performance of neuronal cells susceptible to excitotoxicity comprising contacting the cells with an amount of a lipophilic modified *hedgehog* polypeptide effective to reduce excitotoxin-mediated degradation of the cells, wherein said *hedgehog* polypeptide comprises an amino acid sequence at least 80% identical to an amino acid sequence designated in SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 13, SEQ ID NO: 14, SEQ ID NO: 15, or an N-terminal fragment thereof of at least 50 contiguous amino acids

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